



May 3, 2010

The Honorable Ike Skelton
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House Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Susan Davis
Chairman
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The Honorable Joe Wilson
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair and Ranking Member,

The purpose of this letter is to request your support for a provision requested by Congressman Geoff Davis for inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. This provision would provide equity to members of the Reserve Component for the calculation of disability retirement pay for service members who are wounded in action.

The inequity under current law results because a reservist may only get credit for the time he actually spends in uniform in the computation of his disability retirement pay. For instance, a service member who has spent thirteen years in the reserves may have only four years of service when his duty days are calculated. As a result, the reservist/veteran may receive less disability retirement pay than his Active Component counterpart. Even if two personnel receive identical wounds from the same firefight in Iraq or Afghanistan, the reservist may still receive less disability retirement pay.

Congressman Davis' provision would eliminate this inequity between active and reserve personnel. Any reservist/veteran who earned the Purple Heart for wounds incurred in battle and who was medically retired as a result of that action would have his or her disability retirement pay calculated based on the total number of years served in the armed services. As you may know, this provision was included in the NDAA passed by the House in FYs 2007 and 2009.

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A 2010 CBO score indicates the provision would cost less than \$500,000 in FY 2011 and \$11 million over ten years.

On behalf of the 54 Adjutants General of the United States, I strongly request your support for this long overdue provision in support of the Reserve Component.

Thank you for your service and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Wayt' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory L. Wayt
Major General
President